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REHABILITATION OF FARMERS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to discourage the shifting cultivation (Podu Chasa) in KBK district of Orissa; and

(b) the measures taken to rehabilitate the affected farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): A Scheme for survey, identification and rehabilitation of podu cultivators in the KBK districts has been taken up by the State Government under the Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP) for such districts.

A two pronged podu prevention strategy is being followed under the scheme: (i) survey of podu land by State Remote Sensing Application Centre, (ii) Erstwhile podu cultivators takingup remunerative crops and/of working in plantation programmes on the podu ravaged patches.

A sum of Rs.1 crore was provided for the survey during 2001-02 and an equal amount was provided for initiating the rehabilitation programme during the year 2002-03 under RLTAP.